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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF INDUSTRY VIEWS ON LIBYA AND ENERGY POLICY
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SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR CALLED ON NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTER OF
INDUSTRY DE MITA TO DISCUSS OIL SITUATION. DE MITA

INTERESTS PERMIT

FAVORS COOPERATION TO EXTENT

END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR VOLPE, ACCOMPANIED BY ECON-COMM MINISTER, CALLED
ON DE MITA, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, ON SEPT 26.

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DE NITA, AT 45 ONE OF THE YOUNGEST MINISTERS IN THE GOVT, [REDACTED] AN UNDERSECRETARY IN THE FIRST RUMOR GOVT, HE HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY HELD A MINISTERIAL POSITION. HE HAD BEEN INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF AMBASSADOR'S DESIRE FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION OIL QUESTIONS. ESSO REPS [DEAN OF ESSO EUROPE, ZIRINAS ESSO MIDDLE EAST, SALA ESSO ITALIANA] WILL BE SEEING DE NITA ON BEHALF OF LIBYAN MAJORS SEPT 28.

3. AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION CENTERED ON PROBLEMS ARISING FROM LIBYAN NATIONALIZATIONS: (A) US CONCERN OVER LIBYAN TREATMENT OF COMPANIES AND IMPLICATIONS OF PASSIVE ATTITUDE OF CONSUMER GOVTS, (B) ENCOURAGEMENT THAT PURCHASES OF NATIONALIZED OIL GIVES TO LIBYAN ACTIONS, PARTICULARLY WHEN STATE OIL COMPANIES ARE BUYERS, AND (C) OUR FEELING THAT REPERCUSSIONS IN MIDDLE EAST COULD BE RAPID AND UNFAVORABLE FOR CONSUMER INTERESTS. HE ASKED DE NITA FOR GOI COOPERATION.

4. DE NITA'S REPLY WAS FIRM. HE SAID THAT COOPERATION REQUIRES CONVERGENCE OF INTERESTS OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED. THERE COULD BE NO REAL COOPERATION AT THE EXPENSE OF ONE OF THE CONSUMERS, I.E., ITALY.

[REDACTED]

5. AMBASSADOR VOLPE REPLIED THAT US BY NO MEANS SUGGESTING CONSUMER COALITION TO PUT PRESSURE ON INDIVIDUAL STATES SUCH AS LIBYA. OUR CONCERN IS THAT INDIVIDUAL CONSUMERS [REDACTED] FEELING EXPOSED IN TIME OF TENSION SHOULD UNILATERALLY PURSUE THEIR IMMEDIATE NATIONAL INTERESTS THROUGH SEEKING SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO DETRIMENT OTHER CONSUMERS, LEADING RAPIDLY TO A SITUATION IN WHICH ALL CONSUMERS WOULD BE WORSE OFF.

6. DE NITA [REDACTED] WOULD FAVOR INCREASED EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AND CLOSER COOPERATION, BILATERALLY AND IN OECD, AS LONG AS UNDERLYING DIFFERENCES IN INTERESTS AND POSITIONS OF CONSUMERS ARE RECOGNIZED.

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7. COMMENT



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